



Innisfail Minor Hockey Association
 Annual General Meeting
 Date: April.29.2014 7:30 pm
 Place: Innisfail Legion Meeting Room

Participants

Invited	Attend	Regrets	Invited	Attend	Regrets
Stephen Bates	X		Rick Beaulieu	X	
Alan Smith	X		Bruce Rafuse	X	
Sean Slaney	X		Kim Tibble		X
Dara Gooder	X		Brett Kelly	X	
Kim Green	X		Shane Hagel	X	
Jason Kremp	X		Dez Lorencz	X	
Scott Wright		X	Elwin Wiens	X	
Aaron Kitzul	X		Pat Adams		X
Shelly Sauter	X				

Agenda

Item #	Topics to be discussed		
1.	Call to order		
2.	Approval of Agenda		
3.	Approval of 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes		
4.	President's Report		
5.	Financial Report		
6.	Directors' Reports		
7.	Presentations a) Female Hockey Program b) Central Alberta Hockey League c) Pond Hockey		
8.	Correspondence		
9.	Elections		
10.	Acclamation of Board Members		
11.	Question Period		
12.	Adjournment		

Minutes

Item #	
1.	Stephen Bates Called meeting to order at 7:32 pm
2.	Approval of agenda. Dez Lorencz made motion to accept the agenda as presented. Sean Slaney seconded. Carried
3.	Approval of 2013 Annual General Meeting Minutes Bruce Rafuse made motion to accept the April 25, 2013 minutes. Rick Bealieu seconded. Carried
4.	President's Report – Stephen Bates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 300+ athletes registered (slight decrease prior year), 20 teams including Eaglets • Midget Tier 1 won League Championship • Discover Hockey for Girls was successful with about 70+ girls registered • Should we have a general Discover Hockey Day for males & females • Looking at switching leagues • Looking forward to 2014-2015 Season • Had some ups, downs and bumps along the way but we worked through them

5.	<p>Financial Report – Elwin Wiens Reviewed Budget Documents Expecting Casino cheque to come within next few weeks Ice costs for latter half of year has yet to come in Anticipate making \$10K to 15K in revenues (last season saw losses)</p>
6.	<p>Directors' Reports</p> <p>a) Hockey Development (Sean Slaney)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We tried evaluations of kids to national standards, skill novice, atom and peewee. There are glitches we need to work on. Maybe have coaches do during practice time. This caused teams to miss their first practices • Girls Discover Hockey – 70 registered & 35 new to hockey kids • Looking at atom female team for the year • Often hear: "Why is IMHA not as competitive as Sylvan, Lacombe etc.? We limit imports whereas other associations don't. We have 10+ of our best players in other associations. <p>b) Eaglets / Dynamite (Dara Gooder)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eaglets had a very successful season, 41 kids registered • Eaglets eagles rebels • Bernie wants to coach again • Dynamites also a successful season • 2 Dynamite teams last season. Hoping for 3 next season <p>c) Novice (Dez Lorencz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 52 players • Went 3 larger teams for 2013/2014. Looking at 4 teams for 2014/2015. • Please give feedback to next Novice Director <p>d) Atom (Kim Green)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 teams, 46 players • Had goalie situation at start of year, brought in a goalie from Red Deer (his dad ended up coaching so was a nice bonus) • Due to Novice numbers will likely have 3 teams again <p>e) Peewee (Shane Hagel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 teams, same size, worked out pretty good • 'A' team struggled • Had goalie shortage, brought up 2 atom goalies from red deer <p>f) Bantam (Scott Wright)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 teams • Tier 1 & 4 • Couple of issues at bantam. Need to address for next year with new Bantam Director <p>g) Midget (Aaron Kitzul)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 teams, some issues in-house discipline & some external with North Central League • Midget Tier 1 did exceptional, won league & came in 2nd in provincials • 15 kids graduating, likely 2 teams next year <p>h) Female (Bruce Rafuse)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Played out of Rocky Mountain Hockey League • One Bantam team that was small but mighty • Midget team started at 19 players and no goalies, talked 2 girls into being goalies. Made 2nd round of playoffs <p>i) Vice President (Rick Beaulieu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluations went great this year. Directors, Coaches & Elwin really helped • Award Night was smooth & most efficient. . <p>j) Registrar (Kim Tibble)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABSENT <p>k) Treasurer (Shelly Sauter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to add

	<p>l) Referee in Chief (Brett Kelly)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officials had a really good year • 35 officials in associations • Lots of improvement in young officials <p>m) Executive Director (Elwin Wiens)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to add <p>n) Equipment Director (Jason Kremp)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Sponsor – Century 21 Novice • Mock-up of new jerseys done & looking at buying shooter tutors. Everything ready to hand off to new Equipment Director. • Storage remains issue. • Was a good year overall <p>Special Report West Country Secretary (Tamara Hagel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IMHA Novices & Dynamites did very well • There was issue with 1 association letting kids score more than 3 goals and then crediting it to other players. (Not IMHA) • Off-sides are called as it is league rules, ensure this is happening in IMHA games • WC would welcome an IMHA Atom 'C' & PeeWee 'C' if board is interested
7.	<p>Presentations</p> <p>a) Female Hockey Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discover Hockey for Girls was a success • Looking at numbers for next year including surrounding areas. • Want to be proactive & Hockey Alberta is very amenable to movement for girls • Girls & Parents with questions/comments/concerns should contact Bruce or Elwin • IMHA feels we will be adding an Atom Girls Team • IMHA will continue to have Midget Girls Team • May have PeeWee and Bantam but numbers will have to be reviewed <p>b) Central Alberta Hockey League (CAHL) vs. North Central Hockey League (NCHL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking at moving from NCHL due to travel, governance issues & treatment • Attended NCHL AGM last month where Wainwright & Provost were voted in. This would impact travel • NCHL President has 2 year term left • NCHL Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Suspensions process inconsistent (one based on a single email) ii. Home ice issue when IMHA finished ahead of Barrhead, yet we were not given home ice. No reasonable explanation given iii. Board makes Executive decisions that impact all associations without notifying those same associations iv. Coach of opposing team allowed to write ref sheets (Bantam) and NCHL was unconcerned & would not be involved v. Further associations coming in and could further impact travel • CAHL travel is Olds to Lethbridge/Medicine Hat (dependent on level). CAHL tries to minimize travel with divisions. IMHA did not have time to prepare presentation for making change this season. • Need feedback from parents on possible change • Olds Minor Hockey President has been in both leagues & gave feedback at our request. Olds switched to CAHL 2 years ago. Had really good experiences, some travel is cumbersome but another North team (i.e. Innisfail) would reduce travel • Another local association is looking moving from NCHL to CAHL, this would further reduce travel • Won't happen this season due to timing but IMHA is moving ahead with presentation to CAHL to join association. This will prepare us to move in 2015/2016 if we wish. It is not binding so we can stay in NCHL if members indicate this to be better. • Costs will be slightly more in the CAHL

	<p>c) Pond Hockey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow decline in numbers in hockey, country wide • 2 biggest drawbacks noted are costs (registrations & equipment) and travel • Pond Hockey is an option other associations run. Basically teams are formed to play against each other and there is no travel involved. • Red Deer, Lacombe & Olds each run a Pond Hockey program • Will gather rough numbers over summer to see if we will have Pond Hockey program next year • Asking members to keep in mind and give feedback to board • One member in attendance noted that there was almost 1 full team in Red Deer Pond Hockey that has Innisfail players on it
8.	<p>Correspondence No correspondence</p>
9.	<p>Elections</p> <p>3 positions available:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Novice Director (Megan McDonald & Darwin Amundson put their names forward) 2. Atom Director (Shelly Sauter & Randy Rae put their names forward) 3. Bantam Director – No names put forward <p>Speech from each candidate</p> <p>Ballot voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Megan McDonald elected Novice Director • Randy Rae elected Atom Director <p>Brett Kelly made motion to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Dez Lorencz. Carried</p>
10.	<p>Acclamation of board members</p> <p>2014/2015 Executive Board</p> <p>Stephen Bates – President Brett Kelly – Vice President Dez Lorencz – Registrar Kim Green – Treasurer Willie Mulligan – Referee in Chief Murray Reay – Equipment Director Aaron Kitzul – Midget Director Dara Gooder – Eaglet/Dynamite Director Megan McDonald – Novice Director Randy Rae – Atom Director Bruce Rafuse – Female Director Shane Hagel – PeeWee Director Sean Slaney – Coach/Player Development Murray Reay – Equipment Director VACANT – Bantam Director Alan Smith – Secretary</p>
11.	<p>Question Period</p> <p>Is IMHA going formalize and follow affiliation process as this did not appear equitable last year?</p> <p>“We have one in our handbook. We may not have followed completely. We will have to remind new board. Affiliation could be done at Coach’s meeting.”</p> <p>When do affiliations sheets have to be sent in?</p> <p>“Historically November 5. Have to be in before the kids can play.”</p>

How do we coach kids in lower levels that are affiliated to hitting levels?

“Those kids should go to the affiliate team to practice occasionally. Perhaps put on checking clinics for kids that are moving up to the hitting levels next”

Can we start earlier so we can get practices before actual games?

“We are looking at options but need to meet with town council. Bowden is willing to put in early. 100 hours at \$12000. Hoping for a week early so we can get some conditioning skates in.”

Could we do dry land early?

“If we get volunteers to run it. We would also have insurance & registrations considerations.”

When are Coaches named for ‘A’ & ‘AA’ teams?

“Coaching applications are due June 30th. Board meets and has them named mid-August.”

Is evaluation process outlined anywhere?

“Yes. In the handbook.”

Can parents see results from skills testing?

“Yes. They are given to team managers. If you cannot get them from team manager, contact Sean Slaney.”

Is IMHA going to continue skill testing?

“Yes. However we are going to evaluate over the summer and make changes based on feedback from Coaches, Parents & Players.”

Can we add goal tending in for skill testing?

“We would like to but is dependent on getting qualified testers.”

Can we look at mixing the 2 atoms teams?

“This is something the new board can discuss.”

12.

Adjournment

Brett Kelly made motion to adjourn meeting at 9:26 pm. Randy Rae seconded. **Carried**

MEMBERSHIP IN ATTENDANCE:

Kari Fox	Richard Klassen	Murray Reay
Jackie Arnold	Darwin Amundson	Willie Mulligan
Tyler Hirsche	Dean Amundson	Lesley Whalen
Randy Graham	Bobbi-Jo Stott	Jason Guy
Gary Charlton	Daryle Zimmer	Cindy Sim
Clay Sauter	Megan McDonald	Doug Sim
Todd Sparrow	Jason Ray	Reg Bowe
Matt Burton	Tamara Hagel (West Country)	Sandra Bowe
Randy Rae		

Minutes by: Alan Smith